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Mr. Viraf Mehta

In March 2021, Chairman Mrs. Tirandaz, Xerxes and myself passed a resolution to postpone the elections due to the rise of Covid cases in Mumbai.

With no regards for safety of our community members (significant number of whom are aged), my colleagues Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala

moved the Hon'ble High Court against our resolution. Their application was rejected by the Hon'ble Justice Menon as the Court held in our favour.

Not happy with the decision of Hon'ble Justice Menon, Kersi and Noshir filed an appeal before the division bench of the Hon'ble High Court led by Hon'ble Justice Kathawalla, through which a consent order was passed to postpone the elections to 27th May 2021. With the continued rise of Covid cases in April 2021 and with the state lockdown, the Trustees moved the High Court unanimously and agreed to postpone the May 2021 elections until such time the Covid situation in Mumbai improves.

Subsequently sometime in July 2021, the Trustees unanimously agreed to hold elections in Oct 2021. But on Aug 6, 2021, the state of Maharashtra announced fresh SOPs which put restrictions on the electioneering process and hence the October 2021 had to be postponed. These SOPs remain in force till date.

From 2015 till 2020, the majority of Yazdi Desai, Kersi Randeria, Noshir Dadrawala and Zarir Bhatena did not take forward the much needed changes to the Scheme of Elections, which had been agreed by all of us during the 2015 elections campaigning.

Given that elections could not be held under the current SOPs, Chairman Mrs. Tirandaz, Xerxes and myself decided to take the opportunity at hand to amend the scheme of elections before holding of fresh elections so that going forward all elections can be held under an up to date Scheme.

Distressingly, this faced immense opposition from Kersi and Noshir. In fact, at one Board Meeting some of Kersi's supporters got aggressive and verbally attacked our Chairman Mrs. Tirandaz for which she should have filed a police complaint. However, being gracious in nature and understanding the caliber of these people, she chose to continue doing work for the community instead.

In October 2021, instead of moving the Courts against the decision to hold elections in October 2022, as agreed in the 2017 Consent Terms signed before Justice Kathawalla, Noshir chose to make a mockery of the BPP and go on a HUNGER fast on 18TH October 2021.

Noshir decided to blackmail the community and the Trustees that he would not break his fast until elections were announced. Given Noshir's medical history and out of concern for his health, on October 20, 2021, five Trustees signed consent term calling for elections in March 27, 2022 for all 7 seats - **with the understanding that these elections would take place under the amended scheme of elections.** While I insisted that a clause be added that the scheme of elections be amended first and then elections held, my colleagues Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala refused to insert such a clause in the terms and threatened us further that they would not end their fast if I persisted with my request. Even Adv. Berjis Desai who was present



during these meetings informed Noshir in no uncertain terms that the consent terms were only being entered into so that Noshir could break his fast.

I repeatedly stated that the consent terms were signed under duress and blackmail. The amendment of the scheme was paramount before holding elections.

Finally when the consent terms were submitted to the Hon'ble High Court on Nov 26, 2021, I made a noting (photo attached) stating that I was in favour of holding elections for all 7 seats in March 2022 provided the amendments to the Scheme of elections were sanctioned and passed by the Hon'ble High Court before the Elections are held.

The BPP does not have enough funds to pay staff salary on time. But that did not stop Kersi and Noshir from insisting that we have elections for only two seats now, costing the BPP Rs. 40 lakhs, and then elections again in Oct 2022, costing another Rs. 40 lakhs, for the remaining seats. Their constant push was not the least bit shocking to me as I have realized that playing politics is paramount in their eyes even if that meant harming the BPP.

What I found even more surprising is that when Chairman Tirandaz, Xerxes and myself wanted to file an application to amend the scheme, we faced resistance from Kersi and Noshir. **In fact the original application to amend the Scheme by ALL the TRUSTEES is still lying at the residence of Kersi Randeria which he usurped so as to force elections immediately under the existing Scheme.** We quickly realized the delay tactics being played by Kersi and Noshir and it became evident that they did not want the scheme of elections to be amended before having elections for just two seats as it suited their agenda.

So Chairman Tirandaz, Xerxes and myself went ahead and drafted a new petition to amend the scheme of elections with just the three of us with Noshir and Kersi as Respondents. The Petition was filed before the Hon'ble High Court in Dec 2021. Despite what Noshir and Kersi have been informing people, they did NOT support the amendment application filed by us in the Hon'ble High Court. In fact when the

matter came up they requested time to file their reply/objection against our application. This is recorded by way of Justice Menon's order in the Bombay High Court and no amount of lies can change this fact.

Over the last few months Noshir and Kersi have taken to social media to berate me and make baseless allegations for not agreeing to hold elections in March 2022. They have been spreading mis-information to mislead the public. When I called them out on this they admitted their fault and even gave me a handwritten signed apology in November 2021.

They have been accusing me of backing out of the consent terms and have resorted even to the extent of insulting my family as well. But what they will not tell you is that from the time Noshir started his farce of a fast, I have always maintained the same stand that the scheme of elections should be amended first before we announce elections. I was forced to agree to sign those consent terms but even then I maintained my stand.

Kersi and Noshir kept insisting that the new scheme of elections can be made applicable in retrospect and that we should announce elections for two seats while the application for amendment is being heard simultaneously. I repeatedly told them that this was their view, however until we get a Court order confirming the same, we cannot accept this. When Noshir and Kersi went to Court, this nonsensical idea was rightfully rejected.

At the hearing before the Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court, Kersi and Noshir were pushing for elections for only two seats (despite a cost of Rs. 40 lakhs to the BPP) and wanted the new scheme, as and when amended, to be applicable with retrospective effect. The Court was not impressed and cautioned that this approach would result in multiple issues and instead it would be in the interest of the community to amend the Scheme first and then hold elections for all seven seats. Having regard to the views of the Court, Noshir and Kersi backtracked on their arrogant stand and finally agreed to what I had been requesting for since October 2021 – to hold elections only after amending the Scheme.



It is unfortunate that it took 5 months, multiple rounds of litigation for Kersi and Noshir to realize that they were wrong. They could have saved the community from the drama of their fast as well as the hatred they have been spreading. More so, the time, energy and money that has been spent on this frivolous ego battle of theirs could have been put to constructive use at the BPP.

All Mrs. Tirandaz, Xerxes and I have wanted since months was to amend the scheme of elections and then hold elections. However, the egos of Kersi and Noshir were too big to allow that. They have tried every trick in the book not to let that happen.

We are grateful to the judiciary and the Bombay High Court for a timely resolution to this issue. to His Lordship Justice Kathawalla and his Lordship justice Jadhav of the Bombay High Court that saw merit in the arguments we have been propagating for months. It is truly embarrassing that the matter was made into a public spectacle instead of being settled across a table like adults.

Today, we are provided with the golden opportunity to amend an outdated Scheme of elections. The amendment will be sanctioned by the Hon'ble High Court bench consisting of Justice Kathawalla and Justice Jadhav. Community members need to grab this once in a lifetime opportunity and raise their voice to amend the scheme for the better of the community. The past elections have been filled with flaws and fights. A change is needed. This is that chance to change the scheme so that we can once and for all do away with the old and usher in new BPP Trustees under a new BPP Scheme of Election.

I can only hope and pray that now that Kersi and Noshir too have agreed to allow the amendment of the scheme to go through first before we announce a new date of elections, we move forward in a constructive manner in the larger interest of the community.

Stay Safe !

Viraf Mehta
Trustee, BPP

TRADE THE STOCK MARKET

Expert advice by Champion Tiger Vispi Irani



Tiger Vispi Irani

Welcome to my weekly round-up of the stock markets.

Last week we had stated that Nifty will remain in the range of 17400 to 18000. Nifty remained above the 17400 levels with a low of 17989 but on the higher side exceeded our expectation by touching 18296 on the high side.

As the Nifty failed to have much of a downward movement from the 18000 levels, our short call on Tata motors also did not do well and Tata motors ended at 510 levels from 490 levels. This kind of strength in the indices and stocks was a bit surprising despite some selling by foreign institutions.

Domestic funds again for the week remained net buyers and gave ample support to the markets.

This week is a very crucial week for the main indice Nifty50 as it stands at a very strong resistance of 18350. My take is that its going to be tough to break past the levels of 18350 on the high side and support now comes in at 17650 levels.

This week also is going to be challenging as the markets will also factor in the budget which will be presented on Feb 1st.

If at all the Nifty breaks past the 18400 levels then it will surely try to test the all-time high of 18604.

My personal take is that I can't see the Nifty breaking past 18400 levels.

On the stock front I will give two calls this time with one buy call and one sell call.

My buy call is on Divi's Lab at cmp of 4616 and I expect it to show levels of 4750.

My sell call is on Axis Bank at cmp of 721 with a downside expected to come at 685 levels.

Our long term buy call remains on TCS at cmp of 3968 and one can also buy HCL Tech at cmp 1337.

Happy Investing!

Team Champion Tiger

These are my personal views and full discretion should be used on ones part

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PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
IN ITS INHERENT AND EXTRAORDINARY
JURISDICTION
MISCELLANEOUS PETITION NO. (L) 29493 OF
2021

In the matter of Scheme for the Election of the Trustees of the Funds and Immovable Properties of the Parsi Panchayet Bombay ("Scheme").

AND

In the matter of amendments to the Scheme.

1.Mrs. Armaity Rustom Tirandaz]	
2.Mr. Viraf Dinshaw Mehta]	
3.Mr. Xerxes Vispi Dastur]	...Petitioners
Versus]	
1.The Charity Commissioner]	
2.Mr. Noshir Homi Dadrawala]	
3.Mr. Kersi Jamshed Randeria]	...Respondents

All the Members of the Parsee/Irani Zoroastrian Community are hereby informed that the Petitioner Trustees of the BPP, Bombay, have jointly filed the above Miscellaneous Petition for sanction of proposed amendments to the Scheme for the Election of the Trustees of BPP. Respondent Nos. 2 and 3 Trustees have informed the Hon'ble Bombay High Court that they do not have any objection to the proposed amendments to the Scheme for the Election of the Trustees of BPP being permitted by the Hon'ble Court.

A gist the proposed amendments are as follows:-

- (a) Limiting term of office of a Trustee to five years and to provide that a person cannot be a Trustee for more than an aggregate period of ten years during his lifetime.
- (b) Such other consequential amendments as are necessitated by the above amendments.

The proposed amendments to the Scheme are as follows:

1.DEFINITIONS

- a. **"Term"** means a period of five (5) years from the date on which a Trustee assumes office (it is clarified that any time lost between the date on which the Trustee is declared elected and the date on which he assumes office due to any reason whatsoever including any court order will not be excluded in computing such period of five (5) years).
- b. **"Term Limit"** means any two Terms, with or without hiatus, that is, no Parsi can be a Trustee for more than an aggregate period of ten years, during his lifetime. Provided however, notwithstanding anything contained herein, every Parsi who was elected as a Trustee for the first time during his lifetime, anytime after 5.4.2007

(that is, the Effective Date under the present Scheme) but before 18.10.2015, shall be entitled to one further Term of five (5) years; irrespective of the period he has already been a Trustee.

- 2.1A Trustee will occupy office for the Term, subject however to the Term Limit.
- 2.2 Rule 13 of the Scheme stands deleted.
- 2.3 Rule 24 (b) of the Scheme stands deleted.
- 2.4 In Rule 25, the word 'seven' shall be substituted by 'five'.

3.TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Notwithstanding anything contained herein, this Scheme, when sanctioned by the High Court, Bombay, will apply to a Trustee elected at any Election held after 1st January 2022 (irrespective of the Effective Date being later), so far as it relates to the Term / Term Limit of such Trustee.

The above Petition has been peremptorily fixed for hearing before the Division Bench of the Bombay High Court comprising of Hon'ble Justice Mr. S. J. Kathawala and Hon'ble Justice Mr. M. Jadhav on February 1, 2021 by way of video conferencing or physical hearing or hybrid as per the SOPs prevalent on the date. A link to attend the VC/hybrid hearing will be available on the website of the Bombay High Court (www.bombayhighcourt.nic.in).

Any member of the community who desires to be heard in respect of the proposed amendments to the Election Scheme, may be heard thereon either in person or through a duly appointed Counsel / Advocate before the Honourable High Court.

A copy of the above Miscellaneous Petition taken out therein may be obtained between 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on any working day against payment of necessary charges of Rs. 100/- per petition copy from the office of

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 Apollo Bunder, Colaba,
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Alternatively, the Miscellaneous Petition can be downloaded by accessing the following link:

https://dsklegal-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/p/zaid_mansuri/EdmexjQPQStGovmCiqQ68J8BKj2kwaipnVQV4Ww8pY6qUA

Dated this 15th day of January 2022.

sd/-

(Mr. Aspi Sarkari, CEO)

On BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PARSI PUNCHAYET, BOMBAY

209 DR. D.N.Road, Fort Mumbai 400 001.



જાહેર નોટિસ

બોમ્બે ખાતે જ્યુડિકેચરની હાઈકોર્ટમાં ઓર્ડિનરી ઓરિજિનલ સિવિલ જ્યુસિડિક્શન મિસકેલેનિયસ પિટિશન નંબર (એલ) ૨૯૪૯૩ ઓફ ૨૦૨૧

પારસી પંચાયત બોમ્બેનું ઇંડ અને અચળ સંપત્તિનાં ટ્રસ્ટીના ચૂંટણી માટેની સ્કીમના બાબતમાં (“સ્કિમ”)

અને

સ્કીમમાં સુધારાઓના મામલે

૧. મીસીસ. આરમાઈટી રૂસ્તમ તીરનદાઝ

૨. મિ. વિરાફ દિનશો મહેતા

૩. મિ. ઝર્સિસ વિસ્પી દસ્તુર

... અરજદાર

વર્સિસ

૧. ઘ ચેરીટી કમિશનર

૨. મિ. નોશીર હોમી દાદરાવાલા

૨. મિ. કેરસી જમશેદ રાંદેરિયા

... પ્રતિવાદી

બીપીપી, બોમ્બેના પિટિશનર ટ્રસ્ટીઓએ સંયુક્ત રીતે ઉપર જણાવેલી મિસકેલેનિયસ પિટિશન ફાઈલ કરી છે જેમાં બીપીપીના ટ્રસ્ટીઓના ઇલેક્શન માટેની સ્કીમમાં સૂચિત સુધારાઓની મંજૂરી માગવામાં આવી છે.

ઓનરેબલ કોર્ટ બીપીપીના ટ્રસ્ટીઓની ચૂંટણીમાં સૂચિત સુધારો જો ઓનરેબલ કોર્ટ માન્ય રાખે તો તેમને કોઈ વાંધો નથી તેવું રિસ્પોન્ડન્ટ ટ્રસ્ટી નંબર બે અને ત્રણે ઓનરેબલ બોમ્બે હાઈકોર્ટને જણાવ્યું છે.

સૂચિત સુધારાઓ ટૂંકમાં આ પ્રમાણે છે:

(એ) ટ્રસ્ટીના પદનો કાર્યકાળ પાંચ વર્ષ સુધી સીમિત રાખવાનો અને જીવનકાળ દરમિયાન દશ વર્ષથી વધુ સમય માટે કોઈ વ્યક્તિ ટ્રસ્ટી બની નહીં શકે તેવી જોગવાઈ કરવી.



(બી) ઉપર જણાવેલા સુધારાઓને પરિણામ સ્વરૂપ વધુ સુધારાઓ જરૂર તેવા સ્કીમમાં સૂચિત સુધારાઓ નીચે જણાવ્યા અનુસાર:

૧. ડેફિનિશન્સ

એ.) જે તારીખથી ટ્રસ્ટી પદ સંભાળે તે તારીખથી પાંચ (૫) વર્ષનો સમય “ટર્મ” ગણવામાં આવશે. (જે તારીખે ટ્રસ્ટી ચૂંટાયેલા જાહેર થાય અને જે તારીખ પદ સંભાળે, કોઈપણ કારણસર કોર્ટ ઓર્ડર સહિત તે સમયગાળો પાંચ સમયગાળાની ગણતરીમાંથી બારાક રાખવામાં આવશે નહીં.

બી.) “ટર્મ લિમિટ”ની અન્ય બે ટર્મ એક સાથે સાથે અથવા એક ટર્મ અતંરાલ પછી બીજી ટર્મ ટ્રસ્ટી પોતાના જીવનકાળ દરમિયાન કુલ દશ વર્ષથી વધુ માટે ટ્રસ્ટી બની શકશે નહીં. ૫.૪.૨૦૦૭ (હાલની સ્કીમ હેઠળની અમલમાં : તારીખ) પણ ૧૮.૧૦.૨૦૧૫ અગાઉ જે પારસી પોતાના જીવનકાળ દરમિયાન તરીકે પ્રથમ વાર ચૂંટાયો હોય તેને અહીં જે લખ્યું હોય તેમ છતાં પાંચ વર્ષની વધુ મુદત મળી શકશે, કેટલા પણ વર્ષ તેઓ ટ્રસ્ટી રહ્યા હોય હતા.

- ૨.૧ ટર્મ લિમિટને ધ્યાનમાં રાખીને ટ્રસ્ટ ટર્મ દરમિયાન પદ સંભાળશે.
- ૨.૨ સ્કીમની રૂલ ૧૩ રદ કરવામાં આવે છે.
- ૨.૩ સ્કીમની રૂલ ૨૪(બી) રદ કરવામાં આવે છે.
- ૨.૪. રૂલ ૨૫માં સાતના સ્થાને પાંચ શબ્દ રાખવામાં આવે છે.

૩. પરિવર્તન કાળની જોગવાઈ

આ સ્કીમ બોમ્બે હાઈકોર્ટ દ્વારા મંજૂર થયા બાદ પહેલી જાન્યુઆરી ૨૦૨૨ (૨ આવનારી તારીખ પછીથી હોય તેમ છતાં) પછી થયેલી ચૂંટણીમાં ચૂંટાયેલા સ્ટ્ર ટ્રસ્ટીની ટર્મ/ટર્મ લિમિટના સંબંધમાં લાગુ પડશે.

જે તે દિવસે એસઓપી પ્રવર્તમાન હોય તે અનુસાર વીડિયો કોન્ફરન્સિંગ ડિજિટલ સુનાવણી અથવા હાઈબ્રીડ દ્વારા પહેલી ફેબ્રુઆરી ૨૦૨૧ તારીખે હાઈકોર્ટના ઓનરેબલ જસ્ટિસ મિ. એસ. જે. કાથાવાલા અને ઓનરેબલ જસ્ટિસ એમ. જાદવની ડિવિઝન બેનચ સમક્ષ ઉપર જણાવેલા પિટિશનની સુનાવણી : આવશે.



વીસી / હાઈબ્રિડ સુનાવણીમાં હાજર રહેવાની લિન્ક બોમ્બે હાઈકોર્ટની (www.bombayhighcourt.nic.in) પર ઉપલબ્ધ રહેશે.

સમાજનો કોઈ પણ સભ્ય ઇલેક્શન સ્કીમમાં સૂચિત સુધારાઓના સંદર્ભમાં કંઈ રજૂઆત કરવા માગતો હોય તો વ્યક્તિગત રીતે અથવા કાઉન્સેલ / એડવોકેટ નીમિત્તે ઓનરબેલ હાઈકોર્ટ સમક્ષ રજૂઆત કરી શકશે.

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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY****ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
INTERIM APPLICATION (L) NO. 29161 OF 2021****IN****APPEAL (L) NO. 29157 OF 2021****IN****MISCELLANEOUS PETITION (L) NO.7007 OF 2021**

1 KERSI RANDERIA
 2 NOSHIR DADRAWALA ...APPELLANTS
 VERSUS
 ARMAITY TIRANDAZ
 2 VIRAF MEHTA
 3 XERXES DASTUR
 4 BOMBAY PARSI PANCHAYAT ...RESPONDENTS
 AND
 5 PHIROZE AMROLIWALA
 6 ZEREE JEHANGIRJEE ...NON-PARTY
 RESPONDENTS

**ALONGWITH
 MISCELLANEOUS PETITION NO. (L) 29493 OF
 2021**

1 MRS. ARMAITY RUSTOM TIRANDAZ
 2 MR. VIRAF DINSHAW MEHTA
 3 MR. XERXES VISPI DASTUR PETITIONERS
 VERSUS
 1 THE CHARITY COMMISSIONER
 2 MR. NOSHIR HOMI DADRAWALA
 3 MR. KERSI JAMSHED RANDERIA ...RESPONDENTS

Mr. Karl Tamboly alongwith Ms. Kausar Banatwala and Ms. Neuty Thakkar instructed by Mr. Tushar Goradia for the Applicants/Appellants.

Mr. Firoz Bharucha alongwith Mr. Hormuz Mehta, Mr. Yohaann Limathwalla instructed by J. Sagar Associates for Respondent Nos.1 and 3.

Mr. Kunal Dwarkadas instructed by Mr. Kuber Wagle for Respondent No.2.

Mr. Jamsheed Master instructed by Mr. Purazar Percy Fouzdar for Respondent Nos.5 and 6.

Ms. Armaity Tirandaz present through video-conference.
 Mr. Noshir Dadrawala present through video-conference.

Mr. Kersi Randeria present through video-conference.
 Mr. Xerxes V. Dastur present through video-conference,
 Mr. Viraf Mehta present through video-conference.
 Mr. Sharan jagtiani, Senior Advocate, Amicus Curiae, present.

**CORAM S.J. KATHA.WALLA AND MILIND N.
 JADHAV, B.**

DATED JANUARY 12, 2022.
 (through video-conferencing)

P.C. :-

1. By this Order we propose to take on record consent Minutes of Order agreed to between the contesting parties to the proceedings before us. On 12th January 2022, after the consent Minutes of Order was finalized as between the parties, the Appellant Nos. 1 and 2 and Respondent Nos. 1, 2 and 3 have, by appearing through video conference, each confirmed their acceptance and consent to the consent Minutes of Order in the presence of their respective advocates.
2. The consent Minutes of Order, *inter alga*, sets out a process agreed to by all parties for holding elections for the position of all seven (07) trustees of Respondent No. 4 Trust. However, it is necessary to refer to certain background facts and some of the proceedings in this Order itself for completeness. Description of parties is as per the cause title to Appeal (L) No. 29157 of 2021.

Respondent No. 4 is a Public Charitable Trust known as "*Funds and Immovable Properties of the Parsee Panchayet of Bombay*", more commonly known as "Bombay Parsi Panchayet". The Appellants and Respondent Nos. 1 to 3 are the current trustees of Respondent No. 4 Trust.



4. By an Order dated 18th June 1910, passed in Suit No. 689 of 1906, this Court had originally sanctioned a scheme for election of trustees of Respondent No. 4 Trust ("**the Scheme**"). The Scheme has subsequently been amended by this Court from time to time by its Orders dated 27th July 1931, 7th February 1935, 2nd April 1970, 16th June 1992, 23rd October 1992, 6th January 1993, 1st April 2005, 21st August 2006 and 5th April 2007.
5. Clause 13,1 of the Scheme provides that, there shall be seven (7) trustees of Respondent No. 4 Trust. Along with the Appellants and Respondent Nos. 1 to 3, one Zarir M. Bhathena and one Yazdi H. Desai were the 7 elected trustees of Respondent No. 4 Trust. Zarir M. Bhathena passed away on 24th June 2020. Yazdi H. Desai submitted his resignation as a trustee on 23rd December 2020. He subsequently passed away on 2nd November 2021. Thus, there are two vacancies on the Board of Trustees of Respondent No. 4 Trust, one from 24th June, 2020 and the other from 23rd December, 2020.
6. Under Clause 16 of the Scheme, when a vacancy occurs in the office of a trustee due to any reason other than efflux of time, an election is required to be held to fill that post. If such election is not held within three months from the date when the vacancy occurs, the existing trustees are required to approach a Judge of this Court in Chambers seeking extension of time to hold such elections. The trustees of Respondent No. 4 Trust filed Miscellaneous Petition (L) No. 3064 of 2020 in the Registry of this Court, seeking extension of time to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Zarir M. Bhathena. By an Order dated 21st September 2020, a Learned Single Judge of this Court granted extension of time to the trustees to hold elections to fill that vacancy by a period of six months from 23rd September 2020 i.e. by 23rd March 2021.
7. By a Public Notice dated 2nd January 2021, the present trustees of Respondent No. 4 Trust publicly announced elections for the aforesaid two vacancies on the Board of the Trust, which were then scheduled to be held on 14th March 2021. It appears that disputes arose amongst the present trustees in March 2021, shortly prior to the scheduled date of elections owing to Respondent Nos. 1 to 3 deciding to postpone the elections on the ground of rising Covid cases in the city. The Appellants herein filed Miscellaneous Petition (L) No. 7007 of 2021 seeking cancellation of the resolutions, and in particular the resolution dated 9th March 2021, passed to postpone the elections. A Learned Single Judge of this Court by his Order dated 11th March 2021 declined ad-interim reliefs in favour of the Appellants herein in that Miscellaneous Petition.
8. The Appellants challenged that Order by filing Appeal (L) No. 7209 of 2021 before this Court. By an Order dated 12th March 2021, a Division Bench of this Court disposed of the Appeal by consent of all the existing 5 trustees, by re-scheduling the elections for the two vacancies on the Board of Respondent No. 4 to 23rd May 2021.
9. In view of the restrictions imposed by the State of Maharashtra in April 2021 on account of the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, the trustees moved Miscellaneous Petition (L) No. 8074 of 2021 before the Learned Single Judge of this Court seeking postponement of the scheduled elections by 2 to 3 months. The same was granted by a Learned Single Judge of this Court by an Order dated 7th April 2021.
10. The elections, therefore, to fill in the two vacancies on the Board of Respondent No. 4, never came to be held. However, instead of proceeding with the election to fill in the aforesaid two vacancies, the five existing trustees signed a document styled as "*Consent Terms*" on the letterhead of Respondent No. 4 Trust (Exhibit H to Appeal (L) 29157 of 2021), which was dated 20th October 2021 and by which they agreed to hold elections for the entire Board of 7 trustees of Respondent No. 4 trust on 27th March 2022. By the document styled as "*Consent Terms*" it was further agreed that a Petition would be filed seeking an amendment to the Scheme reducing the term of office of a trustee from 7 years to 5 years; and further, to reduce the maximum number of terms a person can serve as a trustee from 3 to 2 terms. It was further stated that the term of office of the existing 5 trustees shall be deemed to expire on the date when 7 new trustees are elected and assume office after the elections scheduled



on 27th March 2022. It was also stated that the elections would not be delayed or postponed save and except in the case of the same being impossible due to any Government imposed lock-down.

11. The present Appellants moved a praecipe dated 16th November 2021 before a Learned Single Judge of this Court, seeking to tender the aforesaid document styled as Consent Terms on the letterhead of Respondent No. 4 Trust. The Appellants also filed Interim Application (L) No. 24946 of 2021 seeking directions against Respondent Nos. 1 to 3 to act in consonance with the document styled as Consent Terms on the letterhead of Respondent No. 4. The Learned Single Judge also being the Chamber Judge granted time to the parties to file the Consent Terms in the necessary format required by this Court. Accordingly, the Appellants and Respondent Nos. 1 to 3 executed undated Consent Terms reiterating what they had agreed to in the document dated 20th October 2021 styled as Consent Terms and executed on the letterhead of Respondent No. 4 trust. However, Respondent No. 2, whilst signing these Consent Terms qualified his consent by stating that he was agreeable to the same subject to the proposed amendment to the Scheme being filed and sanctioned by an order of the Bombay High Court.
12. In view of the above qualification expressed by Respondent No. 2, the Learned Single Judge by his order dated 6th December 2021, which is impugned in this Appeal, did not take the Consent Terms on record and stated that the Interim Application filed by the Appellants be heard on merits.
13. Before the respective parties' agreement to the Consent Minutes of Order, this Appeal was heard by us, At that time, it was argued by the Appellants that the insistence for elections to be held after the proposed amendment to the Scheme is heard and decided is only to delay the proposed elections for the post of all seven (7) trustees beyond 23rd March 2022. This is because before any such proposed amendment to the scheme can be sanctioned, a 14-day Public Notice is required to be given and beneficiaries of the Trust are entitled to be heard thereon. The Appellants expressed an apprehension that in order to delay the elections, Respondent Nos. 1 to 3 would ensure that various objections are filed,

which will have to be heard and decided, and which will most likely delay the election scheduled on 27th March 2022. The Appellants argued that the same is because owing to the current depleted Board of five trustees, Respondent Nos. 1 to 3 enjoy a majority thereon as against the Appellants.

14. On the other hand, the Respondent Nos. 1 to 3 had argued that they have no intention of delaying the proposed elections for the post of all 7 trustees of Respondent No. 4 Trust. It was further pointed out that to expedite matters, Respondent Nos. 1 to 3 have already filed Miscellaneous Petition (L) No. 29493 of 2021 seeking the sanction of this Court to the proposed amendments to the Scheme. Notice of the same has already been given to the Charity Commissioner as required under the Scheme. It is in fact the Appellants who have opposed Miscellaneous Petition (L) No. 29493 of 2021 before a Learned Single Judge of this Court. The entire objective behind first trying to get the Scheme amended and then holding elections is to ensure that there is no uncertainty surrounding the elections or their outcome. Holding elections for the post of all seven trustees in one go is in the larger interest of the trust and its beneficiaries, as every such election is held at a considerable cost to the trust irrespective of whether the same is for one or more post. In the past, the Respondent No. 4 Trust was required to hold elections for filling in one post at a time owing to vacancies created on the Board of Trustees. To obviate such additional and unnecessary cost, the trustees have all decided to step down from the date on which charge is handed over to the new Board of seven trustees elected at the proposed elections, notwithstanding the fact that all the present trustee's term of office extends beyond March 2022. Respondent Nos. 1 to 3 submitted that they are not agreeable to hold elections prior to the proposed amendment to the Scheme as sought for in Miscellaneous Petition (L) No. 29493 of 2021 is decided by this Court.
15. After the present matter was heard for some time and across various dates, the present 5 trustees, i.e., the Appellants and Respondent Nos. 1 to 3 have arrived at the following consensus and agreement as to the way forward in resolving their disputes and differences especially keeping in mind the larger interest of the community:



- (a) Miscellaneous Petition (L) No. 29493 of 2021 may be heard by us along with the present Appeal and disposed of by this Bench and that this may be treated as a presentation or re-presentation of the proposed scheme for amendments and alteration of the Scheme to this Bench, which would also be exercising powers of the Chamber Judge by reason of the aforesaid Appeal having arisen from an Order of the Learned Chamber Judge.
- (b) Immediately upon the disposal of Miscellaneous Petition (L) No. 29493 of 2021, a Schedule for early elections for the post of all seven trustees may be fixed by this Court, and all the existing trustees undertake to abide by that schedule and handover charge to the newly elected Board of Trustees, notwithstanding that the same may be prior to the end date of any existing trustees term of office.
- (c) The existing trustees and their Advocates have signed Consent Minutes of Order dated 12th January 2022 and have tendered the same and requested us to pass an Order in terms thereof (As noted above, the existing five trustees of the Respondent No. 4 Trust appeared before this Court via Video Conference and confirmed their acceptance of the Consent Minutes of Order dated 12th January 2022).

16. We have considered the joint request made by the existing trustees of Respondent No. 4 Trust. We have also considered the Order impugned before us, the documents styled as Consent Terms dated 27th October 2021, the undated Consent Terms signed by the trustees and the Scheme. We have also taken note of the fact that the Scheme requires that there should be seven trustees of Respondent No. 4 Trust. As on date, the trust is functioning with only five trustees owing to the unfortunate deaths of Mr. Zarir M. Bhatena and Mr. Yazdi H. Desai (who had earlier resigned from the office of trustee). Therefore, it is necessary that elections are held to ensure that there are 7 elected trustees of Respondent No. 4 trust. Such elections must be held at the earliest. Elections have not yet been held. It is not in the interest of the Trust or its beneficiaries to allow the matter to linger. We take note of the fact that every election held comes at a significant cost to the Respondent No. 4 Trust, which monies may otherwise be deployed for the welfare activities carried out by Respondent No. 4 Trust. We are informed that there are various venues at which voting stations are to be set up across the city of Mumbai for the beneficiaries of the trust who are members of the Tarsi Irani Zoroastrian community to cast their ballots; EVM Machines are required to be procured; staff is required to be deployed and various allied and ancillary activities are required to be carried out, all of which would necessarily require substantial amounts to be spent by the Trust.

Appeal of the KAR SEVA GROUP

- Looking after our Agiyaries and Aatashbehrams

Friends,

Our ' Kar Seva ' group has been formed last year to help in the cleaning, repair & painting of our Agiyaries & Aatashbehrams.

Till date we have helped spruce up the

- Ranji Agiary at Grant Road
- Soonaiji Agiary at Gowalia Tank
- Ashburner Agiary at Girgaon

At present we have taken up the major job of plaster, paint & repairs of Ashburner Agiary at Khetwadi.

We need to finish the job before it's Saalgrah which falls on 22nd March. We need more male & female volunteers. The Gumbaj above the Aatash Padshah has already been cleaned.

Remember this work can done only by Parsis, therefore we request our young Parsi youth to join hands with us and volunteer for this wonderful opportunity to serve our Aatash Padshah & the community.

Day & time can also be made flexible. Transport & lunch will be taken care of.

To enroll yourself and for further details, kindly contact: 88504 09526 / 99872 54043



HISTORY OF EVENTS LEADING TO AMENDMENT OF ELECTION SCHEME

In October 2015, after the new Board of five Trustees was elected, with Armaity Tirandaz and late Muncherji Cama as continuing Trustees, a shocking development took place in the Board. Four Trustees—late Yazdi Desai, late Zarir Bhathena, Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala forgot that each of them have to act as independent Trustee in the interest of the Trust, came together as a political body to assert their Majority and rule the BPP with an iron hand as if it was their private personal property to the detriment of the Trust and the community.

Though Yazdi Desai was nominated as Chairman of BPP, he had no powers which all vested in only one man Kersi Randeria, who was the Defacto Chairman of BPP and even the staff and all workers would only carry out his orders as the head of the Institution.

Power went so much to their head that Armaity Tirandaz, Viraf Mehta and late Muncherji Cama were treated as Untouchables with the Majority denying them any Minutes, Agenda, files, documents etc with strict instructions to the innocent staff not to give any information of BPP affairs to the three of them.

After about eighteen months of this obnoxious behavior to their colleague Trustees as if they were lepers, Armaity and Viraf along with Muncherji at their personal expenses moved the Hon'ble High Court seeking Justice as elected Trustees.

The High Court after giving a tight rap on the knuckles of the four Majority Trustees warned them that they should stop behaving like Dictators and all Trustees have equal rights and responsibilities

and no one was superior to the other including the Chairman.

To enforce discipline Consent Terms were formulated voluntarily by all seven Trustees in co-ordination with the High Court Justice Kathawalla as to the functioning of the Board of Trustees. Though the Election Scheme itself already provides that Majority decision is binding on all Trustees and has to be followed and obeyed by all, the Majority Trustees especially **Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala, insisted before the High Court to specifically incorporate this Clause in the Consent Terms knowing full well that with their Majority they could continue to lord over the BPP and all its other branches.**

Hence on their insistence, it was specifically mandated in the Consent Terms that Majority decision is binding on all Trustees including any dissenting Trustee who also has to obey the majority decision with a proviso that **if the Majority decision is not to be obeyed by the Minority for any reason than the dissenting Trustee has to move the Court to prove that the Majority decision is wrong or illegal or unlawful and get that decision revoked by the High Court or if the dissenting Trustee is not willing to move the Court against the Majority decision than he has to obey the decision.**

However God in his infinite wisdom ordained otherwise. After almost five years of the Majority dictatorial rule, two Trustees went out of commission and their despotic rule over the BPP came to an end. Though Yazdi suffered a Stroke in March 2020 his wife Anahita submitted his resignation only in December 2020.



Zarir expired in June 2020 and hence in December 2020 two vacancies were declared. **In January 2021 elections for two vacancies were mooted by the new Majority of Armaity, Viraf and Xerxes Dastur. But by then the wrong policies of Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala of not allowing our beneficiaries to sell and encash the Tenancy value of their flats as well as gifting away high value flats to their friends and relatives led to bankruptcy of BPP and by the time the new Majority led by Armaity Trandaz took over there were no funds in the coffers of the BPP for any welfare activity.**

Noshir Dadrawala was very keen to avoid elections to save Rs. 40 lakhs of election expenses and hence suggested to all the Trustees and even approached ex-Chairman Dinshaw Mehta for help to appoint Berjis Desai and Anahita Desai as Consensus candidates. This was agreed by all when Dadrawala pointed out that Hoshi Jal has to be taken care of if Berjis was to come in as a consensus candidate.

After a lot of cross checks and discussions, it was agreed that Hoshi Jal would not contest these March 2021 elections if his son was given Tenancy instead of Leave License of the Cusrow Baug flat which had been denied to him since 2010 by the earlier Board of Trustees as well as the new Board elected in October 2015 as well as Mr. Nusli Wadia. **It was further agreed that as mentioned by Hoshi Jal in his Application he was willing to convert his Deposit of Rs. 1.3 crores to Donation if Tenancy was given to him.**

In view of BPP receiving Donation of his Deposit, all Trustees agreed. Further manipulation was given by Randeria and Dadrawala and Berjis Desai and Anahita Desai were accepted as Consensus candidates for the proposed March 2021 elections.

However due to Covid pandemic dramatically increasing from February 2021 onwards, the Trustees decided to move the High Court seeking postponement of the March 2021 elections. However Randeria and Dadrawala opposed the said postponement regardless of the galloping Covid infection. They also put up their faithful followers Anahita Desai and Kaikhushru Irani to also oppose the postponement. The Duo also requested Berjis Desai to support them to file application to oppose the postponement.

Bur Berjis Desai put the health of the community before his ambition to become a Trustee and hence refused to accede to their request. Randeria got so upset with Berjis Desai that he swore at Berjis in filthy language and promised him that he would oppose Berjis hereafter and ensure he would not get elected as a Trustee any time in future. This upset Berjis who withdrew from the fray as a Consensus candidate leaving the field open for one and all.

The High Court Chamber Judge of Menon J accepted the health issues as well as Govt. SOPs prohibiting elections and postponed the same. Being aggrieved, Randeria and Dadrawala moved the Division Bench of HH Justice Kathawalla and anr in appeal against the decision of the single Judge. However the Division Bench upheld the postponement of March 2021 elections and fixed a fresh date of 27th May 2021 to hold the elections. However due to the second wave of Covid having set in by this time, the Chamber Judge postponed the May 2021 elections till the situation improves and Govt SOPs allowed elections to be conducted.

However since there was no improvement on Covid front nor Govt guidelines, on 12th October 2021, the Majority Trustees decided to hold the elections for the two vacancies along with the



three vacancies which were due in September 2022 to save Rs. 40 lakhs being the cost of holding an election.

This was not appreciated by the duo of Randeria and Dadrawala. But both forgot or deliberately ignored the Consent Terms signed by them in 2017 in front of Judge Kathawalla that Majority decision is binding on them and has to be obeyed unless they move the Court against the said decision.

Well knowing that the Court would not interfere against the postponement decision to save Rs. 40 lakhs by combining two elections into one, the duo thought of a strategic move of going on a Hunger Strike on 18th October 2021 and that same night the three Trustees-Armaity, Viraf and Xerxes visited BPP Boardroom, where the Duo were sleeping in air conditioned comfort with a Doctor in attendance giving them vitamin shots and gallons of drinking water, pleading with Noshir to end his hunger fast due to his delicate health being a cancer survivor (nobody was bothered about Randeria).

Ultimately on 20th October they withdrew their hunger fast after extorting alleged Consent Terms on BPP letterhead that elections for all seven Trustees would be held on 27th March 2022 and Election Scheme would be amended to reduce the term of office of a Trustee from present 21 years to only 10 years.

Trustee Viraf Mehta insisted that the Election Scheme should be amended first before the March 2022 elections but the Duo wanted to hold elections first and then Scheme amendment in which case the old terms of 21 years would be applicable and hence on the Consent Terms he made the qualification that Consent Terms

for holding elections on 27th March 2022 were subject to election scheme amendment being carried out first.

The Duo of Randeria and Dadrawala moved the High Court Chamber Judge HH Menon J to take the Consent Terms on record and enforce its terms. But the single Judge refused to take the Consent Terms due to qualifications mentioned therein.

In the meantime the Majority Trustees, with the Duo refusing to join them, filed a Petition to amend the Election Scheme which was taken on record in November 2021 by the Chamber Judge HH Menon for further hearing on 4th December 2021 for the say of the Duo against it.

Instead of replying to the Chamber Judge on 4th December 2021, the Duo went in appeal before the Division Bench of Justice Kathawalla to take the Consent Terms dated 20th October 2021 on record of the High Court for its implementation.

Ultimately an order accepting the consent terms was passed by the Division Bench of the Hon'ble Bombay High Court on Jan 12 2022 to ammend the Scheme first before holding fresh elections after calling for the Petition of the Scheme amendment from the Court of the Chamber Judge having jurisdiction to itself. It has also directed the Trustees to issue a Public Notice calling for Objections and Suggestions to the proposed amendments of the Election Scheme from concerned members of the Parsi Community.

Both the Order dated 12th January 2022 and the Public Notice are published in this issue of Parsi Junction to enable community members to give their suggestions to the proposed scheme amendments.



Jack of All Sports, Master of Direct Volleyball:



The story of Marazban Colony Volley Ball Team - Reaching National Level

By - Astad Palkhiwalla

Parsi Volley Ball History

Volleyball has been a prominent sport in the Parsi

community, mostly due to its popularity of the tournaments held at Panday Girls High School Volley Ball Court or CJ Colony Welfare & Sports Club or for that matter any other Baugs of Colony hosting Tournaments every year.

It is easy to play, doesn't require much equipment, and there is no formal dress code. Just a small court and a ball," explains the Champions of this Game – Marazban Colony Boys Team, headed by Daraius Colabewala, Astad Afrid Palkhiwalla & Shazad Ichhaporia

The mud-court at the Marazban Colony playing court was replaced with a concrete court for safety purposes. Six to nine players represent each team on the volley ball There is also a throw ball tournament for women of the Community. The winners of the tournaments are awarded trophies.

"Every Winter and Summer Holidays, all the Parsis from various Parsi Colonies or Baugs come together and almost kill each other out in the court during the Volley Ball tournament."

Saying that the teams get competitive would be an understatement!" says Astad and Afrid Palkhiwalla, who participated every year in the inter-colony volleyball tournament.

Good humoured teasing, sometimes acidic, sometimes expletive-riddled, volleys forth over the court as the jibes are exchanged over who will win. "It's awesome!" This Season, Sixteen Parsi teams participated in an inter-colony volleyball tournament. The tournament has been taking

place every evening at Marzban Colony. Every year, matches are played around will be at 7:30pm every day. The matches are held on a floodlit court, surrounded by energetic fans in the stands. Participating colonies include Gamadia Colony and archrivals CJ Colony and Godrej Baug, Navroz Baug, Wadia Baug, behram Baug, Nirlon Colony, Mahim Colony, Kasinath Colony and many of them. Most of the bigger colonies have three to four teams participating due to the craze and passion for this game.

Stepping into a New World

However this year during Pandemic Astad and Afrid Palkhiwalla took a step forward and while once practising Volley ball which the entire colonies does 365 days, a member of DIRECT VOLLEY BALL PROMOTION ASSOCIATION OF INDIA , Mr Vipin Kumar who is the President of the Association, happen to see these Boys playing in one of the open volleyball tournament happen in mumbai and after connected with the team there. A NEW JOURNEY of I could say that these Energetic and Competitive boys stepped out of their comfort zone and were invited to play in National Direct Volleyball Tournaments held all over India.



They were then Invited to play at Nashik where there was appreciation of each and every player.

Subject- Invitation letter of 2nd NATIONAL DIRECT VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2020-21

SIR/MADAM

I Am Glad To Inform You That DIRECT VOLLEYBALL PROMOTION ASSOCIATION INDIA Going To Organize It's 2nd NATIONAL DIRECT VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2020-21 From 23 To 24 October 2021 At-Zilla Parishad School Mahaje, Tal- Dindori District- Nashik . State- Maharashtra. 422004

Events :- 2nd NATIONAL DIRECT VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2020-21

Age Group- Senior(Men & Women)

Reporting Date & Time :- 22 October 2021 at 06:00 pm

Affiliation Fee(2020/21) = ₹ 1100, Entry Fee= ₹ 1100,

Player Registration fee=11x30=330, Total= ₹ 2530/- only

Cash Prize:-

Men's	Cash Prize	Women's	Cash Prize
First Prize	21000/-	First Prize	21000/-
Second Prize	11000/-	Second Prize	11000/-
Third Prize	5100/-	Third Prize	5100/-
Fourth Prize	5100/-	Fourth Prize	5100/-
Fifth Prize	5100/-	Fifth Prize	5100/-
Sixth Prize	2100/-	Sixth Prize	2100/-
Seventh Prize	2100/-	Seventh Prize	2100/-
Eighth Prize	2100/-	Eighth Prize	2100/-



Team GOA from left Vistasp Khambatta, Astad and Afrid Palkhiwalla Paresh Rathod from right Paras Daruwalla

They were sure that they won't be able to stand even for One Round as the format of the Game was different that is played in Parsi Colonies. At our Baugs and Colonies we follow the Shooting Volley Ball Games Rules and in this Tournament it was a Drop Ball Volley Ball Game Rule. Boys gave their best and they reached the quarter final round but unfortunately couldn't win.

However due to love and passion of the game – 4 players from Marazban Colony were selected to play nationals from TEAM GOA. Team included – Astad and Afrid Palkhiwalla, Paras Daruwalla, Vistasp Khambatta, Shazad Ichaporia, Paresh Rathod.

These boys were sponsored to make proper sport jerseys, expenses of travelling and stay involved.

Our Beloved Community – Philanthropic Parsis like :

Darius Colabewala :- Who is the Resident of the Marazban Colony and also a keen supporter and Mentor of Young Talent, thru his search Marzban Colony has many new talented players.

Viraf D Mehta :- Honourable Trustee of BPP and Founder of ZYNG. ZYNG is the face of the youth for our parsi community. Over the last decade, ZYNG has succeeded in culminating a sense of pride and honour amongst our youth. ZYNG has successfully conducted and supported over 100 events since its inception along with entertaining events for the youth. He on a personal level supported these boys as he saw the Talent and had faith in them.



Astad Palkhiwalla Best Shooter Of The Match (Bit Mumbai Tournament)

Zubin Royal Fleet :- Again a Fore Runner in the Parsi Community to be the first in any Philanthropic deeds. May be it for Communities – Old People, Fire Temples or Encouraging the Youths of the Community.

Performance at Outside Championship

However, they performed well and gained a lot of Experience they climbed upto Quarter Finals in nationals where they were playing against players who were also representing India. This was like a Confidence Booster for them and came the Next Championship at Mumbai Central. Now they knew the Rules, Format of the Game and Experience to play outside.

This Next Championship they climbed upto the Finals of the Tournament and after a Hour long Battle and nerve biting sets, they became the Runner Up in the Tournament. Astad Palkhiwalla, was awarded as the Best Shooter of the Tournament.

"It's all thanks to the culture of volleyball that we have developed here. I have seen and played with many Indian Players playing for our Country and learnt a lot. Credit also goes to my Team Boys who played their best to give wings to our dreams,"

This story of Marazban Colony Volley Ball Team in Mumbai adds to the long list of examples of how sports can indeed bring a transformation in culture and attitude.



India's F1 hopeful JEHAN DARUVALA to race for reigning champions Prema Racing - Sets his sights on F2 title



~ The 23-year-old to continue with Red Bull Junior Team for third successive year

MUMBAI, January 14, 2022: India's top racer Jehan Daruvala's Formula 1 aspirations received a massive shot in the arm, with Italy's three-time F2 champions Prema Racing signing him up for the 2022 season.

The 23-year-old from Mumbai will also remain a part of the Red Bull Junior Team for the third successive year. Red Bull has nurtured the likes of four-time F1 champion Sebastian Vettel, reigning F1 champion Max Verstappen, race winners Daniel Ricciardo and Pierre Gasly, among many others.

Jehan has already scored multiple victories and podiums in the Formula 2 championship. He will strive to consolidate on these performances, converting his raw speed into more wins to become Prema Racing's third straight drivers' champion.

"I am thrilled to join hands with Prema once again," Jehan said in a press release. "Charles (Leclerc) and Mick (Schumacher) clinched F2 titles for Prema Racing and went on to race in F1 the very next year. I hope to follow in their footsteps," he added.

Jehan will also have a broader role with Red Bull this year. He will not only drive the team's Formula



1 simulator at its base in Milton Keynes but will also undergo regular evaluations at the team's fitness facilities in Austria, just like Max Verstappen and Sergio Perez.

In Prema Racing, Jehan joins the most successful team to race in the Formula 2 championship. The Italian racing powerhouse has delivered three of the series' five drivers' champions, including Ferrari Formula 1 race winner Charles Leclerc and Mick Schumacher, son of seven-time world champion Michael.

Jehan will look to emulate this duo while also scoring a hat-trick of titles for Prema Racing, following Schumacher in 2020 and Australian Oscar Piastri last year.

During his earlier stint with Prema Racing in 2019, Jehan had finished third in the Formula 3 championship, after a season-long title battle with his teammates.

Prema Formula 2 team principal Rene Rosin said, "We have had a great relationship with Jehan when we raced together in FIA F3. We have deep respect for his skills and work ethics. He fits our team very well and I'm looking forward to see how much progress he has made in the last couple of years. He performed impressively in post-season testing. Together with the Red Bull Junior program, we will provide him with all the support he needs to pursue his goals."

The FIA Formula 2 championship, which sits one rung below Formula 1, has served as the proving ground for many of today's Formula 1 drivers.

Charles Leclerc, George Russell, Lando Norris, Mick Schumacher, Guanyu Zhou, Yuki Tsunoda and even Lewis Hamilton → who won the series when it was run as GP2 → made the step up to F1 after shining here.

The series this year will feature 14 rounds and 28 races starting on March 18, 2022 in Bahrain with the season-finale set for November 20, 2022, in Abu Dhabi. All races will be held as support events to Formula 1, including at iconic venues like Monaco, Silverstone, Spa and Monza.

About Jehan Daruvala

Jehan Daruvala is a racing driver from Mumbai, India. He began karting at the age of 10 in 2009. Two years later, he was picked as one of the three winners of Force India's 'One From a Billion' talent hunt. In 2013, he became the first Asian to win the British KF3 karting championship. A proven winner, Jehan has won in every category he has competed in. He is currently racing in the FIA Formula 2 Championship, which is a feeder series to Formula 1 and takes place on the same week-ends. Already a multiple winner in the category, Jehan's goal for the 2022 season is to annex the title which would boost his chances of becoming only the third Indian on the Formula One grid.

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***GOOD NEWS FOR ALL PARSI/IRANI ZARTHOSTIS.******Govt ORDER TO ALLOW DOKHMANASHNI TO COVID DEATHS WILL BE PASSED SOON.***

Learned Senior Advocate Mr. Fali S. Nariman appeared virtually in the Supreme Court a short while ago on behalf of the Surat Parsi Panchayat in the matter considering performance of last rites (Dokhmenashini) of Parsis according to their tradition and customs.

The Bench headed by Hon'ble Dr. Justice D. Y. Chandrachud requested the Solicitor General of India, Mr. Tushar Mehta to look into this matter. Mr. Mehta did not hesitate in making necessary changes to allow Parsis to perform last rites as per their age old customs.

The order will be out soon. The matter is listed again on 17th January 2022.

Hopeful for a favourable Order!

From our doctor friend -

Attended today morning a 3 hour talk on Omicron addressed by Dr. Zarir Udwadia and Dr. Tushar Shah (2 Mumbai based doctors who have treated more than 20,000 cases of COVID and whom I trust totally) They were addressing the medical fraternity.

Key takeaways :

1. Omicron is the most infectious respiratory virus the world has ever seen. It is 3-5 times more infectious than Delta
2. We can safely say 90% of the current cases are Omicron virus
3. The milder symptoms seem mainly upper respiratory tract infection is whether because of low virility of the mutant Omicron strain or because of immunity induced by vaccine/past infection is still not known. Vaccine does not prevent Omicron infection but seems to protect severity/hospital admissions .
4. Omicron DOES NOT affect Lungs and hence 70% less chance of admissions and in only 10% oxygen was required and these all were elderly patients more than 70 years and were immunocompromised / had comorbidity .

5. Booster vaccine recommended . As per Dr. Tushar , if possible try to get a different vaccine than the primary one .
6. The available Antibody cocktail is USELESS in Omicron infection . It has become a fad amongst the rich . Please stop asking for it .
7. Mixed opinions on Molnupiravir . If at all recommended , to be given on Day4/5 if fever and cough not coming down or increasing and that too in elderly patients with co morbidity .
8. No Antibiotics/Ivermectin/Favipiravir please
9. PLEASE STOP USING ONLY SURGICAL AND CLOTH MASKS . USE ONLY N95 MASK . In fact if crowded or at risk places ..double masking recommended one N95 mask and one surgical mask
10. Chief Pathologist at SRL diagnostics Dr. Avinash Phadke also addressed the doctors and confirmed Ct values are not important and should not be considered evaluating the severity of the infection . Ct values differ morning/eveing, left/right nostril . Most labs abroad have been banned for publishing Ct values . Labs in India give because doctors/ patients ask for it ! Both Dr. Udwadia and Dr. Tushar confirmed they never see Ct values.

WE LOST SHASTRIJI ON THIS DAY**WE LOST SHASTRIJI ON THIS DAY**

Tiny was your stature but Himalayan was your determination n dedication

Honest and brave to the core you were, a patriot true, who swam across a river for education

A life Simple you led and a great example to us, our countrymen you set

When Pak attacked, in spite of difficulties many, n time crucial, you were not upset

By cutting your meal, an example you set to us, how to food save and ration

Hope God would have granted you more years of service to this nation

We, this nation owes you a lot, at least a Bharat Ratna for all that you have done.

It is because of your many efforts, including your Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan that we won

Armin Dutia Motashaw



Photography

Royal Stripes



A male tiger in his domain in Bandhavgarh. One of the best places to spot these Royal Stripes is Bandhavgarh in Madhya Pradesh. This image is taken from the elephant back, deep into the jungle. One must be mindful of the fact that we are intruding on their territory and not venture too close to the wild animal.



Ruby B. Aderbad

Ruby B. Aderbad works with an **MNC** in Mumbai and is an avid traveler who likes to digitally capture memories. She quotes that traveling is her drug of choice and is happily addicted to it. The mountains and jungles are her go-to places to detoxify, anything that connects her with nature.

Some Religions Gone By 2040 (Global News)

Extra! Extra!
Read all about it
Zoroastrianism may
Cease to exist
Thanks to the racist
As well bigoted attitudes.
Of some members of
Our community

Some should be given "awards"
For splitting the community
With the message
Racism Discrimination
As well Bigotry

Why should we respect you?
To get respect one must earn
respect
Hang up your Jamo and picchori

Follow the dictates:
"Eat Sleep and Merry"
To add insult to injury
Have the nerve audacity
As well insolence
To pray "Mumbo Jumbo
Near the Holy Fire
Which must be raising
Ahura Mazda's ire higher and higher

Most of you sit in judgment
As well have opinions on
Anything and everything
And do not hesitate to express it
Then why do you all
Become meek little lambs
Where our religion is concerned ?
Let me tell you
Democracy did not appear

From nowhere
But, It took blood sweat tears
Inner strength great patience
From Asho Zarthushttra
To get Zoroastrianism in high gear
That's why we are enjoying "Freedom"
Fruits of His labour!
For that we shall ever be grateful

Lastly
Nobody is above The Law
Whether one is a Vada Ervad Behdin
Or Hindu Muslim Sikh Christian
Or Baha'i or a Zoroastrian
Choicest Happiness
Farida

PS. This poem doesn't reflect the views of most Elders I respect & trust but a few who are splitting the community like the San Andreas Fault

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Wonders in Wood : Zoroastrianism & the Passion of an Artist

Date: 21st January 2022
Time: 6PM IST onwards



Mr. Farzad Irani
Self Taught Artist



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This session showcases the journey of a modern day artist, Mr Farzad Irani who brings out wonders in wood using a unique art form.

Historical evidence shows us that Zoroastrians were master craftsmen in woodwork .The Petigara Peti is world famous since the Crystal Palace exhibition.

Come join us to know more about how following one's passion and entrepreneur spirit can open doors to new and fascinating opportunities!!

Join us on Zoom:

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